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HOUSE BILL 1147

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT; RAISING THE SMALL PURCHASE PROCUREMENT
LIMITS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 13-1-125 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984,
Chapter 65, Section 98, as amended) is amended to read:

"13-1-125. SMALL PURCHASES.--

A. A central purchasing office shall procure
services, construction or items of tangible personal property
having a value not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)
in accordance with the applicable small purchase regulations
adopted by the secretary, a local public body or a central
purchasing office that has the authority to issue regulations.

B. Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection A
of this section, a central purchasing office may procure

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1 professional services having a value not exceeding [~~thirty~~
2 ~~thousand dollars (\$30,000)] fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000),
3 excluding applicable state and local gross receipts taxes,
4 except for the services of architects, landscape architects,
5 engineers or surveyors for state public works projects or local
6 public works projects, in accordance with professional services
7 procurement regulations promulgated by the department of
8 finance and administration, the general services department or
9 a central purchasing office with the authority to issue
10 regulations.~~

11 C. Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection A
12 of this section, a state agency or a local public body may
13 procure services, construction or items of tangible personal
14 property having a value not exceeding [~~five thousand dollars~~
15 ~~(\$5,000)] ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) by issuing a direct
16 purchase order to a contractor based upon the best obtainable
17 price.~~

18 D. Procurement requirements shall not be
19 artificially divided so as to constitute a small purchase under
20 this section."